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Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2997 (XXVII) of 15 December 1972, in which it decided to establish the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme,

Recalling its resolution 47/191 of 22 December 1992, in which it endorsed the recommendations on international institutional arrangements to follow up the United Nations Conference on Environment and Sustainable Development, as contained in chapter 38 of Agenda 21, 1/ in which, inter alia, the need for a strengthened role for the United Nations Environment Programme and its Governing Council was stressed and priority areas on which the Programme should concentrate were elaborated,

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

1/ Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992, vol. I, Resolutions Adopted by the Conference (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigendum), resolution 1, annex II.

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Having considered the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its eighteenth session, 2/ the report of the Secretary-General on the strengthening of the Programme, 3/ the note by the Secretary-General on the activities of the Programme in environmental monitoring, 4/ and the note by the Secretary-General on international conventions and protocols in the field of the environment, 5/

1. Endorses the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its eighteenth session and the decisions contained therein; 6/

2. Welcomes, in particular, Governing Council decision 18/7 of 26 May 1995 concerning the relationship between the United Nations Environment Programme and the Commission on Sustainable Development and the role of the Programme in and its contribution to the implementation of Agenda 21;

3. Requests the Governing Council to prepare a report on the role and activities of the Programme in the implementation of Agenda 21, in accordance with its mandate, and to submit that report to the General Assembly at its special session on the overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21;

4. Notes with concern the lack of sufficient and timely financial contributions to the Environment Fund and calls upon Governments to contribute or increase their contributions to the Environment Fund, make their pledges in advance of the year to which they relate and pay their contributions early in the year in order to allow for the full and effective implementation of the work programme;

5. Welcomes the efforts of the United Nations Environment Programme to promote maximum and cost-effective utilization of the conference facilities at its headquarters in Nairobi, and calls upon Governments and relevant intergovernmental bodies to support such efforts to ensure optimum utilization of the capacity of all United Nations conference facilities, with a view to redressing the present balance;

2/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Fiftieth Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/50/25).

3/ A/50/171.

4/ A/50/371.

5/ A/C.2/50/2.

6/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Fiftieth Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/50/25), annex.

6. Welcomes also Governing Council decision 18/10 6/ on good environmental housekeeping within the United Nations system, and requests the Secretary-General to invite the specialized agencies and other organizations of the system to apply the good housekeeping practices set out in that decision as soon as possible;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session on the implementation of the present resolution.